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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated September 1998.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. The rule is not clear as to who appoints the professional members of the rules committee or how they are selected. Presumably, the board will make the appointments of nonpublic members. If so, the rule should so state. Also, s. GHSS 1.07 (2) (a) should begin as follows: “A rules committee is created and shall be comprised of . . .”

b. Is there a need for an initial applicability section to indicate which rules will be subject to the rules committee procedure?

c. Since the full board retains its authority to approve and adopt rules, would it be more accurate in s. GHSS 1.07 (2) (b) to provide that the “rules committee *may* act for the board” instead of stating that the “rules committee *shall* act for the board”?